(*g*) whether repeated representations have been made to the authorities on the point?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The two private high schools referred to, were taken over by Government for management temporarily, soon after the merger, pending a final decision regarding the future management of similar educational institutions in the State. Orders were finally issued on the 5th August 1950 retaining the two high schools under Government control and management.

" (*c*) *to* (*f*) The question of the absorption of the staff of the two high schools in Government service, has been under the consideration of the Government and the various issues have now been finalized. Orders will issue very soon in the matter. Formal orders fixing the pay of the staff in the Government scales of pay, will be issued simultaneously.

" (*g*) Representations were received."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know, Sir, on what basis these two schools are to be considered private schools, when they were already full-fledged Government schools? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, if the hon. Member means that they are Government schools because they belonged to the Pudukkottai State, in that sense, they were not private schools. That is accepted."

Duty imposed on the essence of Ayurvedic medicines.

* 306 *Q*.—SRI R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that banana and pineapple essence containing 70 to 80 per cent alcohol as marked on the labels of their bottles, is sold in the market and if so (1) who are the manufacturers of this essence and (2) whether any one of them is in any way connected with any Ministers; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation from Ayurvedic practitioners regarding the new duty imposed on the essence of Ayurvedic medicines?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDAR :— " (*a*) The sale of banana and pineapple essence containing 70 to 80 per cent alcohol was reported from some of the districts. They were imported into this State from Mysore, Travancore-Cochin, West Bengal and Hyderabad States under the protection of the reciprocal arrangements system now existing with these States. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the recent notification about these essences.

(1) It is seen from the export permits that these essences are manufactured by the following companies in those States and are imported into this State :—

1 Messrs. Indian Chemical and Therapeutical Works, Limited, Calcutta.

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2 Messrs. Chemical and Pharmaceutical Laboratory, Limited, Ernakulam.

3 Messrs. Josco Chemicals, Limited, Ernakulam.

4 Messrs. Navaratna Pharmaceutical Laboratory, Mattancherry.

5 Messrs. Hyderabad Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works, Limited, Hyderabad.

6 Messrs. Indian Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works, Limited, Hyderabad.

7 Messrs. Amrit Laboratories, Limited, Bangalore.

8 Messrs. Mysore Pharmaceuticals, Limited, Bangalore.

9 Messrs. Indian Process Chemical Laboratory, Bangalore.

(2) Government have no such information.

"(b) No new duty has been levied on Ayurvedic preparations. A memorandum by the representatives of All Kerala Ayurvedic Congress has been received by Government and it is under examination."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" Is there any law to prosecute those people who drink these essences? If so, what is it and in which year it was enacted?" 9.10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDAR :—
" The existing laws are enforced."

Ayurvedic preparations.

* 307 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTHA PAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for revoking all restrictions on tinctures while similar restrictions are allowed to continue on " Ayurvedic " preparations; and

(*b*) why a distinction is made between drugs containing self-generated alcohol and drugs to which alcohol is added?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDAR :—
" (*a*) The restrictions imposed on spirituous medicinal preparations like Tinctures were removed to conform to the Supreme Court's judgment on the Bombay Prohibition Act. The question of liberalising the restrictions over Ayurvedic preparations is under the consideration of the Government.

" (*b*) The distinction is clear because in one case alcohol is self-generated while in the other alcohol is added. If the distinction referred to is with reference to the restrictions on these articles, Government are considering whether the restrictions on Ayurvedic preparations could be liberalized."